

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Claims 4 and 7 have been amended and claim 8 has been added.

Claims 1-8 are pending and under consideration.

No new matter is being presented, and entry of the new claims is respectfully requested.

REJECTION OF CLAIM 7 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101 BECAUSE THE CLAIMED INVENTION IS DIRECTED TO NON-STATUTORY SUBJECT MATTER

By this Amendment, claim 7 has been amended to more clearly recite the subject matter. Therefore, the Applicant's respectfully request the withdrawal of the Examiner's §101 rejection of claim 7.

OBJECTION OF CLAIM 4 FOR MINOR INFORMALITIES

By this Amendment, claim 4 had been amended to correct the minor informality. Therefore, the Applicant's respectfully request the withdrawal of the Examiner's objection of claim 4.

REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1-7 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY HAO ET AL. (U.S. 5,844,553) (hereinafter "Hao")

The rejections of claims 1-8 are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. In the Response to Arguments on page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner dismissed the Applicant's arguments as moot in view of the new grounds of rejection. The new grounds cited by the Examiner fail to address all the features recited in independent claims 1, 2 and 7, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Hao disclosed a system, which "is event driven with agent assistance" (Abstract, lines 8-9) and that "processes the event then multicasts the event to the appropriate shared application windows" (column 9, lines 50-52). The appropriate application window is identified in the files illustrated in column 12, lines 1-8 and lines 23-30. Stated another way, Hao utilizes a point-to-point networking technology that identifies, before an event is transmitted, the appropriate application windows to send an event.

In contrast, independent method claim 1 recites "at the first computer, determining whether the received indicia corresponds to at least one of the first set of reactions" at lines 15-

16. Nothing was cited or found in Hao that discloses a determining step which occurs upon reception of a received indicia. One skilled in the art would understand that Hao does not recite a determining step because such a step would not be necessary, since the system sends “the event to the *appropriate* shared application windows” (emphasis added, column 9, lines 51-52). In contrast, claim 1 recites a determining step because of the ambiguity at the time of transmission regarding what computer attached to the network would be able to properly process the request. In other words, the method of claim 1 utilizes a file that describes the reactions available on a computer and determines whether a requested reaction complies with the list instead of a point-to-point networking technology that predetermines which computers will handle a request.

Therefore, it is submitted that, for the reasons submitted above, that claim 1 patentably distinguishes over Hao and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 2 recites “determining whether to react to each message based on each message’s indicated operation type” at lines 8-9. It is submitted, for the reasons submitted above, that claim 2 and dependent claims 3-6, which depend therefrom and recite further patentable distinctions, patentably distinguishes over Hao and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 7 recites “determining whether to react to each message based on each message’s indicated operation type” at lines 8-9. It is submitted, for the reasons submitted above, that claim 7 patentably distinguishes over Hao and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New claim 8 recites “a processor determining when an operation, received from said communication channel, will be performed on said first computer” at lines 6-7. For the reasons submitted above, it is submitted that claim 8 patentably distinguishes over Hao.

In addition, claim 8 recites “storing a set of reactions available to the plurality of computers connected to said communication channel for performance on said first computer” at lines 4-6. Hao disclosed a file that includes both local and remote operations at column 12 lines 1-8 and 23-30. It is noted that the scope column in both shown files have both “local” and “all” listed as possible values. Therefore, in addition to the reasons submitted above, it is submitted that claim 8 patentably distinguishes over Hao and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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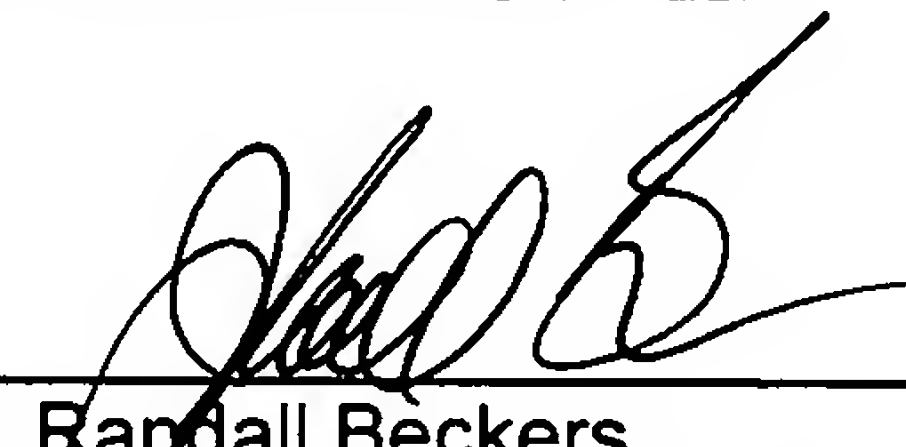
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